

## Mansfield YSB Advisory Board

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 11, 2006

10 am @ YSB

In attendance were: Ethel Mantzaris, Chairperson/Resident; Janit Romyko, YSB Coordinator; Jerry Marchon, Officer Mansfield Police Department

Regrets: Chris Murphy, Rachel Leclerc, Candace Morrell, Tom Miller, Valerie Thompson, Michael Collins, Resident, Kevin Grunwald, Director, Department of Social Services Dept, Pat Michalak, YSB Counselor; Eileen Griffin, Altrusa Network; Shawnee Mason, Grade 8, Mansfield Middle School; Jake Hovanic, Grade 7, homeschooled; Brittany Cushman, Grade 7, Mansfield Middle School; Addie Johnson, Grade 7, Mansfield Middle School

Agenda items included:

#### 1. Old Business:

a. Ethel reminded YSB Coordinator that all members from previous meeting and current wish to be reappointed for 2006-7. There is also a student member, Addie Johnson, who wishes to be appointed.

#### 2. Update (attached) Comments:

#1. Day Camp at Rectory School: Camperships will cost \$300 per week through the generosity of the Bishops' Fund of the Diocese/Episcopal Church. Campers started June 28 and will go to July 7th. New this year is the addition of Lunch in the air conditioned dining room along with golf lessons, and horse back riding.

#2. DCF Liaison, John Zane, met with the MMS Thursday team and will meet in the fall with the team once a month. Several cases were discussed and John followed up on communication details.

#3. The Noah Farland Campership Fund at Goodwin School funded seven partial scholarships for Goodwin School students. The scholarships were used at the Town of Mansfield Camp at MMS.

#4. Juniper Hill Pizza Party had a summer theme as it was the last meeting prior to summer vacation. Everyone received sunglasses, sunscreen, and bingo prizes.

#5. YSB will be the recipient of the MEA/MMS “Dress Down Friday” collections in the honor of Lydia Myers and Judith McCherney. Both retired from the Mansfield Board of Education and designated the contributions to the YSB Special Needs Fund.

#6. The Special Education Grade 8 students had a pre-graduation party at the UConn Dairy bar. This was in anticipation of the real ceremony at Mansfield Middle School.

#7. The 33 AA Bus Drivers were given an Appreciation Breakfast co-hosted by the YSB and MMS. The drivers were given certificates of thanks for their safe driving and concern for students.

3. Thank you. Tom Miller wrote back to the YSB Advisory Board:

Dear Janit and members of the Youth Advisory Board,

I received in the mail today the kind declaration and the gift card from Frank and the members of the Youth Advisory Board. I want to thank you all for the opportunity to serve in the community in this small way. I have a deep dedication and commitment to the youth of our world and you have allowed me to be a part of your special commitment, part of the special commitment you have so nicely made your focus in Mansfield, Connecticut. I do wish each and every one of you the continued success of the program and your dedication to the youth here.

Kindest regards,

Tom

4. Children’s Grief Committee

YSB and MMS joined together to create a Children’s Grief Committee. This was in response to several family deaths in the community. The committee has met three times and will meet again on July 25. The COVE of Connecticut will make a presentation to the group about affiliations, nuts and bolts, etc.

5. DVD: The YSB’s of Mansfield, Ashford and Willington selected ten 7th and 8th grade (entering) students to work on a DVD. This is the 7th DVD project that has been funded by NECASA and/or ERASE and the 3rd summer project. The students will be making a DVD on non-prescription and prescription drugs, especially those available at home.

6. Underage Drinking: Jerry Marchon recently attended a conference on underage drinking. Students are now using myspace.com to post party locations. He also reported that most alcohol for home parties is not obtained from outside package stores but from parents. He finds this disturbing. He thought that the TIPS training was timely and should be done again soon.

7. Other: The SDE Grant stipulates that the YSB Advisory Board shall meet ten times yearly. It was decided to forego the August meeting and JR will send out the July and August Activities report in August. Therefore, the next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at noon at YSB. The Board would like to revisit Right Turn, DCF and Natchaug as it seemed that the offsite visits sparked discussion about other agencies and system responses. Perhaps Juvenile Court could also be revisited although we did not in 2006.

Meeting adjourned 11:30am

Respectfully submitted,

Janit Romyko

Secretary

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